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SUBJ: IRCA: SALE OF GM LOCOMOTIVES -SITREP

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1. LIC. BATISTA MENA TOLD THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE THIS WEEK THAT GM AND THE GOES'S SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE PURCHASE OF GM'S LOCOMOTIVES ARE NOW AGREED ON ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BY WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE ACCEPTED "SEVERAL SMALL CHANGES" IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT CONTRACT. (GM'S ATTORNEY, MR. ORTIZ MANCIA, CONFIRMED THIS.) BATISTA MENA ALSO SAID THAT GM HAD ASKED FOR THE FINAL DRAFT TO BE SENT TO THEM BY THE END OF NOVEMBER, TOGETHER WITH "ALL SUPPORTING LEGAL DOCUMENTS VALIDATING THE GOES'S COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE" AND THAT THE CONTRACT SHOULD BE SIGNED "BEFORE CHRISTMAS". DR. ORTIZ MANCIA CONFIRMED THIS TOO, ADDING THAT HE WAS "SLIGHTLY CONCERNED" AT THE NEW MINISTER OF ECONOMY'S APPARENT DELAY IN "COMING TO GRIPS" WITH THE LOCOMOTIVE DEAL. ON THIS BATISTA MENA HAD SAID THAT THE MINISTER HAD BEEN "BUSY WITH OTHER PRIORITIES".

2. IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION, UNDERSECRETARY OF ECONOMY RAUL H. RAMOS COMMENTED NOVEMBER 15 THAT MINECON HIDALGO QUEHL HAD "IRCA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS ON HIS DESK" AND THAT HE (RAMOS) WAS "WELL AWARE OF THE

GM LOCOMOTIVES MATTER AND WRITTEN COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE GOES TO GM REGARDING THIS PURCHASE BY THE GOES." "I SUPPOSE", HE SAID, "THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WHEN AND HOW THE GOES IS GOING TO PAY FOR THEM--WELL, THE MINISTER WILL ADDRESS HIMSELF TO IT VERY SOON, FOR IT IS ONE OF HIS PRIORITIES. WE SHALL CERTAINLY BUY THEM."

3. COMMENT: THERE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOES'S PURCHASE OF GM'S LOCO'S (OR ITS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF IT) AND THE GOVT'S ACTION ON THE REMNANTS OF IRCA MAY OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC OFFICER, ACTION TO TERMINATE IRCA'S CONCESSION WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER. GIVEN THE DECEMBER 31 EXPIRATION OF GM'S OPTION TO THE GOES SUCH A MOVE IS CERTAINLY PROBABLE BY YEAR'S END. MOSKOWITZ

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